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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

WATSON *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 2612

Application No. 10/029,172

Examiner: UNKNOWN

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Title: "Set Top Box with Firewall"

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Prior to examination, Assignee respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein. Assignee respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the pending claims in a condition for allowance.